



Office of Administrative Services
FOIA Requester Service Center

August 22, 2019

Ms. Emma Best
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Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2019-001304) submitted on July 2, 2019, in which you requested the following:

"[c]opies of records mentioning or describing Pride Month activities, events or observances in 2017, 2018 or 2019. This includes, but is not limited to: * directives, * policies, * pride flag, * commemoration, * publications, * emails, memos, letters, and other communications with OGAs or the White House."

Enclosed please find documents responsive to your request.

In processing your request, GSA has withheld information that is pre-decisional and deliberative in nature, including draft and pre-decisional discussions between GSA staff, pursuant to the FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5). Exemption 5 protects "inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party ... in litigation with the agency."

Additionally, GSA has withheld the cell phone numbers of private individuals pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This was done because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As we have redacted information referenced in the above paragraphs with the aforementioned FOIA exemptions, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA request. You have the right to appeal the denial of the information being withheld. You may submit an appeal online at the following link (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H3A)
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 120 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your initial request

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Washington, DC 20405
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and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes action on your request. Should you have questions, you may contact me at travis.lewis@gsa.gov or contact our GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis S. Lewis

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Enclosures